## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

BARBARA KING, individually and on behalf of the class defined herein,	) ) )
Plaintiff,	) Case No. 08 CV 3306 ) Judge Amy J. St. Eve
VS.	) Magistrate Judge Cox
RESURGENCE FINANCIAL, LLC,	)
Defendant.	)

## FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT – CLASS ACTION MATTERS COMMON TO MULTIPLE CLAIMS

### **INTRODUCTION**

- 1. This action seeks redress for the conduct of defendant, a debt buyer, in filing collection actions on purported debts to which it did not have lawful title.
- 2. There is a substantial problem with debt buyers suing on debts that they do not own and have no right to sue on.
- 3. There are multiple reported cases in which debtors have been subjected to litigation because they "settled" with A and then B claimed to own the debt. Smith v. Mallick, 514 F.3d 48 (D.C. Cir. 2008) (commercial debt purchased and resold by debt buyer, debt buyer [possibly fraudulently] settles debt it no longer owns, settlement held binding because notice of assignment not given, but obligor subjected to litigation as result). See also, Miller v. Wolpoff & Abramson, LLP, 1:06-CV-207-TS, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 12283 (N.D. Ind., Feb. 19, 2008), where a debtor complained he had been sued twice on the same debt; Dornhecker v. Ameritech Corp., 99 F. Supp. 2d 918, 923 (N.D. Ill. 2000), where the debtor claimed he settled with one agency and was then dunned by a second for the same debt, and Northwest Diversified, Inc. v. Desai, 353 Ill.App.3d 378, 818 N.E.2d 753 (1st Dist. 2004), where a commercial debtor paid the creditor only to be subjected to a levy by a purported debt buyer.

- In Wood v. M&J Recovery LLC, CV 05-5564, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 4. 24157 (E.D. N.Y., Apr. 2, 2007), a debtor complained of multiple collection efforts by various debt buyers and collectors on the same debt, and the defendants asserted claims against one another disputing the ownership of the portfolio involved. Shekinah alleged that it sold a portfolio to NLRS, that NLRS was unable to pay, that the sale agreement was modified so that NLRS would only obtain 1/5 of the portfolio, and that the 1/5 did not include the plaintiff's debt. Portfolio claimed that it and not Shekinah is the rightful owner of the portfolio.
- 5. In Associates Financial Services Co. v. Bowman, Heintz, Boscia & Vician, P.C., IP 99-1725-C-M/S, 2001 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 7874, \*9-12 (S.D. Ind., Apr. 25, 2001), later opinion, 2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 6520 (S.D. Ind., Mar. 31, 2004), allegations were made that a creditor had continued to collect accounts allegedly sold to a debt buyer.
- 6. An article that appeared in the trade press shortly before the extension of the Illinois Collection Agency Act to debt buyers stated:

More collection agencies are turning to the debt resale market as a place to pick up accounts to collect on. Too small to buy portfolios directly from major credit issuers, they look to the secondary market where portfolios are resold in smaller chunks that they can handle.

But what they sometimes find in the secondary market are horror stories: The same portfolio is sold to multiple buyers; the seller doesn't actually own the portfolio put up for sale; half the accounts are out of statute; accounts are rife with erroneous information: access to documentation is limited or nonexistent....

Corinna C. Petry, Do Your Homework; Dangers often lay hidden in secondary market debt portfolio offerings. Here are lessons from the market pros that novices can use to avoid nasty surprises, Collections & Credit Risk, March 2007, pg. 24, Vol. 12, No. 3. The article quoted an officer of an Illinois debt buyer who had purchased, or ostensibly purchased, bad paper.

7. Courts have also dismissed numerous collection and foreclosure lawsuits filed in the names of entities that did not own the purported debts. In re Foreclosure Cases, 1:07CV2282 and 14 others, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 84011, 2007 WL 3232430 (N.D. Ohio, Oct. 31, 2007); In re Foreclosure Cases, 07-cv-166 and 18 others, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 90812 (S.D. Ohio, Nov. 27, 2007); <u>In re Foreclosure Cases</u>, 521 F. Supp. 2d 650 (S.D. Ohio 2007); <u>In re</u> Foreclosure Cases, 07-cv-166 and 14 others, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 95673 (S.D. Ohio, Dec. 27, 2007); NovaStar Mortgage, Inc. v. Riley, 3:07-CV-397, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 86216 (S.D. Ohio, Nov. 21, 2007); NovaStar Mortgage, Inc. v. Grooms, 3:07-CV-395, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 86214 (S.D. Ohio, Nov. 21, 2007); HSBC Bank USA v. Rayford, 3:07-CV-428, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 86215 (S.D. Ohio, Nov. 21, 2007); Everhome Mtge. Co. v. Rowland, 2008 Ohio 1282; 2008 Ohio App. LEXIS 1103 (Ohio App., Mar. 20, 2008) (judgment for plaintiff reversed because it failed to introduce assignment or establish that it was the holder of the note and mortgage); Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. v. Castellanos, 277/07, 2008 NY Slip Op 50033U; 18 Misc. 3d 1115A; 2008 N.Y. Misc. LEXIS 44; 239 N.Y.L.J. 16 (Kings Co., N.Y., Sup. Ct., Jan. 14, 2008); HSBC Bank USA, N.A. v. Valentin, 15968/07, 2008 NY Slip Op 50164U; 14 Misc. 3d 1123A; 2008 N.Y. Misc. LEXIS 229 (Kings Co., N.Y., Sup. Ct., Jan. 30, 2008); <u>HSBC</u> Bank USA, N.A. v. Cherry, 21335/07, 2007 NY Slip Op 52378U; 18 Misc. 3d 1102A; 2007 N.Y. Misc. LEXIS 8279; 239 N.Y.L.J. 2 (Kings Co., N.Y. Sup. Ct., Dec. 17, 2007); Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. v. Castellanos, 15 Misc. 3d 1134A; 841 N.Y.S.2d 819 (Kings. Co., N.Y., Sup. Ct. 2007).

8. Debt buyer American Acceptance filed a lawsuit alleging that a broker of charged-off debts sold it debts to which it did not have title. American Acceptance Co. v. Goldberg, 2:08cv9 (N.D. Ind.). Another debt buyer, Hudson & Keyse, filed suit alleging that the same debt broker obtained information about consumer debts owned by Hudson & Keyse and used the information to try to collect the debts for its own account, even though it didn't own them. Hudson & Keyse, LLC v. Goldberg & Associates, LLC, 07-81047-civ (S.D. Fla., filed Nov. 5, 2007). A similar suit, alleging that the broker resold accounts it did not own, was filed by Old National Bank, Old National Bank v. Goldberg & Associates, 9:08-cv-80078-DMM (S.D. Fla., Jan. 24, 2008). The same debt broker is accused in another complaint of selling 6,521 accounts totaling about \$40 million face value which it did not own. RMB Holdings, LLC v.

Goldberg & Associates, LLC, 3:07-cv-00406 (E.D. Tenn., filed Oct. 29, 2007). Other debt buyers have voiced similar complaints. "Florida Broker Faces Multiple Lawsuits," Collections & Credit Risk, April 2008, p. 8.

9. In a related abuse, debt buyers would "purchase" debts with minimal information about the debtor and then try to "collect" them from anyone with a similar name. In 2004, the Federal Trade Commission shut down a debt buyer called CAMCO headquartered in Illinois. The following is from a press release issued by the FTC in connection with that case.

> ... In papers filed with the court, the agency charged that as much as 80 percent of the money CAMCO collects comes from consumers who never owed the original debt in the first place. Many consumers pay the money to get CAMCO to stop threatening and harassing them, their families, their friends, and their co-workers.

According to the FTC, CAMCO buys old debt lists that frequently contain no documentation about the original debt and in many cases no Social Security Number for the original debtor. CAMCO makes efforts to find people with the same name in the same geographic area and tries to collect the debt from them – whether or not they are the actual debtor. In papers filed with the court, the FTC alleges that CAMCO agents told consumers – even consumers who never owed the money – that they were legally obligated to pay. They told consumers that if they did not pay, CAMCO could have them arrested and jailed, seize their property, garnish their wages, and ruin their credit. All of those threats were false, according to the FTC.... (http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2004/12/camco.htm).

- In order to protect Illinois residents against this sort of abuse, the Illinois 10. Collection Agency Act ("ICAA") was amended effective January 1, 2008 to define debt buyers as "collection agencies." This makes applicable the special assignment requirements in ICAA §8b, 225 ILCS 425/8b. Illinois courts had held prior to the amendment that a party that was required to but did not have such an assignment does not have a valid claim and that the defendant in such a case is entitled to judgment. Business Service Bureau, Inc. v. Webster, 298 Ill. App. 3d 257; 698 N.E.2d 702 (4th Dist. 1998).
  - 11. Section 8b of the ICAA provides:

Sec. 8b. An account may be assigned to a collection agency for collection with title passing to the collection agency to enable collection of the account in the agency's name as assignee for the creditor provided:

(a) The assignment is manifested by a written agreement, separate from and in addition to any document intended for the purpose of

listing a debt with a collection agency. The document manifesting the assignment shall specifically state and include:

(i) the effective date of the assignment; and

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- (ii) the consideration for the assignment.
- (b) The consideration for the assignment may be paid or given either before or after the effective date of the assignment. The consideration may be contingent upon the settlement or outcome of litigation and if the claim being assigned has been listed with the collection agency as an account for collection, the consideration for assignment may be the same as the fee for collection.
- (c) All assignments shall be voluntary and properly executed and acknowledged by the corporate authority or individual transferring title to the collection agency before any action can be taken in the name of the collection agency.
- (d) No assignment shall be required by any agreement to list a debt with a collection agency as an account for collection.
- (e) No litigation shall commence in the name of the licensee as plaintiff unless: (i) there is an assignment of the account that satisfies the requirements of this Section and (ii) the licensee is represented by a licensed attorney at law....
- 12. Furthermore, the assignment must be attached to the complaint. Candice Co. v. Ricketts, 281 Ill.App.3d 359, 362, 666 N.E.2d 722 (1st Dist. 1996).
- 13. Finally, the assignee is required "in his or her pleading on oath allege that he or she is the actual bona fide owner thereof, and set forth how and when he or she acquired title...." 735 ILCS 5/2-403(a).
- 14. Defendant Resurgence Financial, LLC, a debt buyer regulated by the ICAA, systematically files collection lawsuits without compliance with ICAA §8b and, therefore, without valid claims.
- 15. On information and belief, defendant Resurgence Financial, LLC, filed suit against plaintiff on a debt which it did not own.
- 16. In this action, plaintiff complains that such practice violates both the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §§1692e and 1692f, and ICAA §9.

### **VENUE AND JURISDICTION**

- 17. This Court has jurisdiction under 15 U.S.C. §1692k (FDCPA), 28 U.S.C. §1331, 28 U.S.C. §1337, and 28 U.S.C. §1367.
  - Venue and personal jurisdiction in this District are proper because: 18.
- Defendant's collection communications and activities impacted a. plaintiff within this District;
  - b. Defendant does business and is located within this District.

#### **PARTIES**

- 19. Plaintiff is an individual who resides in the Northern District of Illinois.
- 20. Defendant Resurgence Financial, LLC is a limited liability company organized under Illinois law with offices at 4100 Commercial Avenue, Northbrook, Illinois 60062.
- 21. Defendant Resurgence Financial, LLC does business in Illinois. Its registered agent and office are Nathan M. Grossman, 20 S. Clark, Suite 1650, Chicago, IL 60603.
- 22. Defendant Resurgence Financial, LLC is engaged in the business of purchasing charged-off consumer debts and enforcing the debts against the consumers. Such debts are often referred to as "zombie debts." Eileen Ambrose, "Zombie Debt; Debt Can Come Back to Haunt You Years Later," The Baltimore Sun, May 6, 2007, p. 1C ("Zombie debt is just that - an old debt that won't die off. It may be passed from one debt buyer to another, for years, until one day consumers are startled to find a collector demanding payment.").
- 23. Defendant Resurgence Financial, LLC pays an average of less than ten cents on the dollar for the debts it purchases.
- Defendant Resurgence Financial, LLC regularly uses the mails and 24. telephones to conduct its business.
- 25. Defendant Resurgence Financial, LLC has been the plaintiff in more than 500 Illinois lawsuits filed since January 1, 2008 and seeking to collect consumer debts.

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- 26. Because the purported obligations were originally owed to other entities and were charged off prior to purchase, Resurgence Financial, LLC is a "debt collector" as defined in the FDCPA.
- Resurgence Financial, LLC is also a "collection agency" as defined in the 27. ICAA.

## FACTS RELATING TO PLAINTIFF

- 28. On or about April 14, 2008, Resurgence Financial, LLC filed suit against plaintiff Barbara King in the Circuit Court of Cook County to collect a purported debt incurred for personal, family or household purposes. Resurgence Financial, LLC claimed to have purchased the debt, which was alleged to be a Providian credit card charged off December 31, 2003.
- 29. The complaint did not attach any assignment that complied with §8b of the Illinois Collection Agency Act. A copy of the complaint and exhibits are attached as Appendix A hereto.
- 30. On information and belief, defendant did not have an assignment that complied with §8b of the Collection Agency Act.
- 31. On June 23, 2008, Resurgence Financial, LLC was granted leave to file an amended complaint. Resurgence Financial, LLC was still unable to show a proper chain of title or produce a document that complies with the ICAA. A copy of the amended complaint and exhibits is are attached as Appendix B.
- 32. On July 28, 2008, Resurgence Financial, LLC nonsuited the case against Barbara King.
- 33. On information and belief, defendant Resurgence Financial, LLC, filed suit against plaintiff on a debt which it did not own.
- 34. Defendant therefore did not have any sort of valid claim and knew or should have known that it did not have a valid claim.

## FACTS – GENERAL

- 35. Defendant Resurgence Financial, LLC regularly files lawsuits on debts it claims to have purchased without having an assignment that complies with §8b of the Collection Agency Act and, therefore, without a valid claim.
- 36. On information and belief, defendant Resurgence Financial, LLC regularly files suit on debts which it does not own.
- 37. Defendant knows or should know it has no valid claim, but files suit anyway because consumers are unlikely to realize the fact.
- 38. On information and belief, based on a computer search of court records, defendant has filed over 500 such lawsuits.

### **CLASS ALLEGATIONS**

- 39. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of a class, pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 23(a) and 23(b)(3). The class consists of (a) all individuals (b) against whom defendant Resurgence Financial, LLC filed a collection lawsuit (c) in Illinois (d) subsequent to January 1, 2008, (e) without attaching to the complaint an assignment that complied with §8b of the ICAA.
  - 40. The class is so numerous that joinder of all members is not practicable.
- 41. On information and belief, there are at least 40 individuals against whom defendant Resurgence Financial, LLC filed a collection lawsuit in Illinois subsequent to January 1, 2008, without attaching to the complaint an assignment that complied with §8b of the ICAA.
- 42. There are questions of law and fact common to the class members, which common questions predominate over any questions relating to individual class members. The predominant common questions are:
- a. Whether defendant engages in a practice of filing lawsuits without attaching to the complaint an assignment that complied with §8b of the ICAA;
- b. Whether such lawsuits are therefore subject to a defense of which defendant knows or should know about;

- c. Whether such practice is an unfair or deceptive;
- d. Whether defendant violates the ICAA.

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- 43. Plaintiff's claim is typical of the claims of the class members. All are based on the same factual and legal theories.
- 44. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent the class members. Plaintiff has retained counsel experienced in class actions and FDCPA litigation.
- 45. A class action is superior for the fair and efficient adjudication of this matter, in that:
  - a. Individual actions are not economically feasible;
  - b. Members of the class are likely to be unaware of their rights;
- c. Congress intended class actions to be the principal enforcement mechanism under the FDCPA.

## **COUNT I – FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT**

- 46. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-45.
- 47. The filing and prosecution of collection lawsuits notwithstanding a known defense, in the hope that the consumer will not raise the defense, is both a deceptive collection practice, in violation of 15 U.S.C. §§1692e, 1692e(2), 1692e(5), and 1692e(10), and an unfair collection practice, in violation of 15 U.S.C. §1692f.
- 48. Since <u>Kimber v. Federal Financial Corp.</u>, 668 F. Supp. 1480, 1488 (M.D. Ala. 1987), "bringing a lawsuit to which there appears to exist a complete defense" in the hope that the consumer will not realize it exists and will default or pay has been a violation of the FDCPA.
- 49. In addition, by filing suit defendant misrepresents that it has proper title to the debt and the right to file suit, when this is not true.
  - 50. Section 1692e provides:
    - § 1692e. False or misleading representations [Section 807 of P.L.]

A debt collector may not use any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt. Without limiting the general application of the foregoing, the following conduct is a violation of this section: . . .

- (2) The false representation of--
  - (A) the character, amount, or legal status of any debt; ...
- (5) The threat to take any action that cannot legally be taken or that is not intended to be taken....
- (10) The use of any false representation or deceptive means to collect or attempt to collect any debt or to obtain information concerning a consumer....
- 51. Section 1692f provides:

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§ 1692f. Unfair practices [Section 808 of P.L.]

A debt collector may not use unfair or unconscionable means to collect or attempt to collect any debt. . . .

WHEREFORE, the Court should enter judgment in favor of plaintiff and the class and against defendant for:

- a. Statutory damages;
- b. Actual damages;
- c. Attorney's fees, litigation expenses and costs of suit;
- d. Such other and further relief as the Court deems proper.

## COUNT II – ILLINOIS COLLECTION AGENCY ACT

- 52. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-45.
- 53. Defendant is a "collection agency" as defined in the ICAA.
- 54. Section 425/3(d), as amended effective January 1, 2008, brings debt buyers within its purview by providing that "[a] person, association, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity acts as a collection agency when he or it ... [b]uys accounts, bills or other indebtedness and engages in collecting the same."
  - 55. Previously coverage was limited to a person who "[b]uys accounts, bills or

other indebtedness with recourse and engages in collecting the same."

- 56. By deleting "with recourse," the legislature intended to classify as a "collection agency" persons such as the defendant who buy charged-off debts for their own account.
- 57. Defendant violated 225 ILCS 425/8b by filing suit without an assignment in the form specified therein.
- 58. Defendant negligently or knowingly violated the following provisions of 225 ILCS 425/9:
  - ...(20) Attempting or threatening to enforce a right or remedy with knowledge or reason to know that the right or remedy does not exist. ...
- 59. A private right of action exists for violation of the ICAA. Sherman v. Field Clinic, 74 Ill. App. 3d 21, 392 N.E.2d 154 (1st Dist. 1979).
  - 60. Plaintiff and the members of the class were damaged as a result.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff requests that the Court grant the following relief in favor of plaintiff and the class and against defendant:

- a. Compensatory, punitive and nominal damages, as appropriate;
- b. Costs;
- c. Such other and further relief as is appropriate.

### **COUNT III – ILLINOIS CONSUMER FRAUD ACT**

- 61. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-45.
- 62. Defendant's conduct as set forth above constitutes both unfair and deceptive acts and practices, in violation of §2 of the Illinois Consumer Fraud Act, 815 ILCS 505/2.
  - 63. Defendant engaged in such conduct in the course of trade and commerce.
- 64. Defendant engaged in such conduct for the purpose of obtaining money from and injuring the credit of plaintiff and others.
  - 65. Plaintiff and the members of the class were damaged as a result.

66. The filing of collection lawsuits is regularly picked up and reported by credit bureaus.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff requests that the Court enter judgment in favor of plaintiff and the class and against defendant for:

a. Actual damages;

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- b. Punitive damages;
- c. An injunction against further violations;
- d. Attorney's fees, litigation expenses and costs of suit;
- e. Such other or further relief as the Court deems proper.

s/ Daniel A. Edelman
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## JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff demands trial by jury.

s/ Daniel A. Edelman
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## NOTICE OF LIEN AND ASSIGNMENT

Please be advised that we claim a lien upon any recovery herein for 1/3 or such amount as a court awards. All rights relating to attorney's fees have been assigned to counsel.

s/ Daniel A. Edelman
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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Daniel A. Edelman, hereby certify that on July 30, 2008, I caused the foregoing **First Amended Complaint – Class Action** to be filed electronically using the Court's CM/ECF system, which will send notice to the following:

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## **APPENDIX A**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF C	IT DISTRICT
RESURGENCE FINANCIAL, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company	) Case No. ) Amount Claimed: \$6,468.72
Plaintiff v.	) Return Date: APR 1 4 2008
BARBARA J KING  Defendant(s).	) ) )

## VERTEIED COMPLAINT AT LAW

RESURGENCE FINANCIAL, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company ("Plaintiff"), by and through one of its staff attorneys, complains of BARBARA J.KENG ("Defendant"), as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-403, Plaintiff is proceeding in this cause as the Assignee of Providian Financial Corp. "), as set forth in the Bill of Sale attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked as Exhibit "A".
- 2. Providian Financial Corp and Defendant entered into a Cardmember Agreement ("Agreement"), wherein Providian Financial Corp issued a credit card account number 1808 to Defendant and Defendant agreed to pay all amounts charged by the use if the card. A copy of the Agreement containing the terms and conditions governing the use of the credit card is attached hereto, made a part here of and marked as Exhibit "B",
- 3. Defendant resides in the State of Illinois.
- 4. Thereafter, Defendant incurred charges by use of the credit card.
- As set forth in the Affidavit of Plaintiff, attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked as Exhibit "C", there is now due and owing from Defendant to Plaintiff the sum of \$6,468.72, of which no part has been paid, although duly demanded.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Resurgence Financial, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company, demands a judgment against the Defendant(s) BARBARA I KING, in the sum of \$6,468.72, plus court costs.

Respectfully Submitted,

RESURGENCE FINANCIAL, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company,

Plaintiff herein,

By One of its Start Attorneys

VERIFICATION ?

John V. Kalanizia, Esq.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information an belief, and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that s/he verily believes the same to be true.

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## Bill of Sale

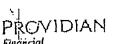
Sherman Acquisition LLC, for value received and in accordance with the terms of the Purchase and Sale Agreement by and between Resurgence Financial, LLC and SHERMAN ACQUISITION LLC ("Seller"), dated as of September 19, 2005 (the "Agreement"), does hereby sell, assign and transfer to Purchaset, its successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in and to the Accounts listed in the Account Schedule attached (as may be amended in accordance with the Agreement) as Appendix A to the Agreement, without recourse and without representation or warranty of collectibility, or otherwise, except to the extent stated in the Agreement.

Executed on September 19, 2005.

Sherman Acquisition LLC

Print Name

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## PHOVIDIAN NATIONAL BANK VISA" AND MASTERCARD" ACCOUNT AUHEEMENT

Please review this document and keep it with your other important pipers. This Account Agreement contains the terms that povern your Provides National Bank VISA or MasterCard Account (the "Card") wherever it is becomed and to get cash advances from use or any other spiritelizating from that institutions and from Advances from the way other spiritelizating from that institutions and from Advances in Machines. Conversations better may also be provided to you as an additional way to use the Account in this agreement. "you" mean each person for whom we have opened a credit card Account. "Het," out," "our," "out," and "you" mean each person for whom we have opened a credit card Account. "Het," out," "our," "out," and "out "mean each person for whom we have opened a credit card Account. "Het," out," "our," and "out," mean provided National Bank, or it a springer, as fixed not plug statement. The Account may be used only for personal, turity, household, and charlable purposes, and not for any business or commercial purpose. Any use or this Account shall consider in containing in the Agreement. You and we spread as follows:

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IN THE	DECUTE COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
•	FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

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: <b>v</b> .!	Plaintiff	)
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	Defendant(s).	) ) ·
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## AFFIDAVIT OF CLAIM

I. Eileen M. Mahon, an employee of Resurgence Financial, LLC, being first duly sworn upon my oath depose and state as follows:

- 1. I am over the age of 21, under no legal disability, and if called and swom as a witness in this cause, would testify that I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this petition.
  - 2. I am employed by Resurgence Financial, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company ("Resurgence").
  - 3. Resurgence is proceeding in this matter on an assignment from Sherman Acquisition LLC.
  - 4. I am familiar with the account of BARBARA I KING with Resurgence.
- 5. I am familiar with the computer records of Resurgence and how to search the records of Resurgence to determine the status of accounts with our company.
  - 6. I have the authority to review the computer records of Resurgence.
- 7. I have reviewed the records of Resurgence, which reflect that BARBARA J KING was issued a credit card by Providian Financial Corp, with an account number of the said account on December 31, 2003, as a result of Defendant defaulting in making payments pursuant to the Cardmember Agreement.
- 8. I have reviewed the computer records of Resurgence. There is a balance due to Resurgence on this account in the amount of \$6,468.72 and Resurgence has not received payment.



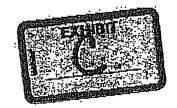
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RESURGENCE FINANCIAL, LLC

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 275 day of Philary 2005

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## **APPENDIX B**

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

RESURGENCE FINANCIAL, LLC, an Illinois
Limited Liability Company

Plaintiff

Plaintiff

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Defendant(s).

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## AMENDED VERIFIED COMPLAINT AT LAW

RESURGENCE FINANCIAL, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company ("Plaintiff"), by and through one of its staff attorneys, complains of BARBARA J KING ("Defendant"), as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-403, Plaintiff is proceeding in this cause as the Assignee of Providian Financial Corp ("Providian Financial Corp "), as set forth in the Bills of Sale attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked as Exhibit "A".
- 2. Providian Financial Corp and Defendant entered into a Cardmember Agreement ("Reference"), wherein Providian Financial Corp issued a credit card account number 1808 to Defendant and Defendant agreed to pay all amounts charged by the use of the card. A copy of the Agreement containing the terms and conditions governing the use of the credit card is attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked as Exhibit "B".
- 3. Thereafter, Defendant incurred charges by use of the credit card.
- 4. As set forth in the Affidavit of Plaintiff, attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked as Exhibit "C", there is now due and owing from Defendant to Plaintiff the sum of \$6,468.72, of which no part has been paid, although duly demanded.
- 5. Defendant resides in the State of Illinois.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Resurgence Financial, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company, demands a judgment against the Defendant(s) BARBARA J KING, in the sum of \$6,468.72, plus court costs.

Respectfully Submitted,

RESURGENCE FINANCIAL, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company,

Plaintiff herein,

By One of Its Staff Attorneys

Conrad Noll IV, Esq.

**VERIFICATION** 

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information an belief, and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that s/he verily believes the same to be true.

RESURGENCE FINANCIAL, LLC

By One of Its Attorneys

Conrad Noll IV, Esq.

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# EXHIBIT "A"

## Bill of Sale

Providing National Bank, for value received and in accordance with the terms of the Purchase and Sale Agreement by and between Providing National Bank and SHERMAN ORIGINATOR, LLC (Purchaser), dated as of August 24, 2005 (the "Agreement"), does hereby sell, assign and transfer to Purchaser, its successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in and to the Accounts listed in the Account Schedule attached (as may be smeaded in accordance with the Agreement at Appendix A to the Agreement, without recourse and without representation or warranty of collectibility, or otherwise, except to the extent stated in the Agreement.

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#### Bill of Sale

Sherman Acquisition LLC, for value received and in accordance with the terms of the Purchase and Sale Agreement by and between Resurgence Financial, LLC and SHERMAN ACQUISITION LLC ("Seller"), dated as of September 19, 2005 (the "Agreement"), does hereby sell, assign and transfer to Purchaser, its successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in and to the Accounts listed in the Account Schedule attached (as may be amended in accordance with the Agreement) as Appendix A to the Agreement, without recourse and without representation or warranty of collectibility, or otherwise, except to the extent stated in the Agreement.

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# EXHIBIT "B"





## PROVIDIAN NATIONAL BANK VISA" AND MASTERGARD" ACCOUNT AGREEMENT

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## EXHIBIT "C"

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

RESURGENCE FINANCL Liability Company	AL, LLC, an Illinois Limited	) Case No. 08M1-121085
	Plaintiff	)
v. BARBARA J KING		)
	Defendant(s).	)
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#### AFFIDAVIT OF CLAIM

I, Eileen M. Mahon, Account Administrator, being first duly sworn upon my oath depose and state as follows:

- 1. I am over the age of 21, under no legal disability, and if called and sworn as a witness in this cause, would testify that I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this petition.
  - 2. I am employed by Resurgence Financial, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company ("Resurgence").
  - 3. Resurgence is proceeding in this matter on an assignment from Sherman Acquisition LLC.
  - 4. I am familiar with the account of BARBARA J KING with Resurgence.
- 5. I am familiar with the computer records of Resurgence and how to search the records of Resurgence to determine the status of accounts with our company.
  - 6. I have the authority to review the computer records of Resurgence.
- 7. I have reviewed the records of Resurgence, which reflect that BARBARA J KING was issued a credit card by Providian Financial Corp, with an account number of 808 and that the issuer, Providian Financial Corp charged off said account on December 31, 2003, as a result of Defendant defaulting in making payments pursuant to the Cardmember Agreement.
- 8. I have reviewed the computer records of Resurgence. There is a balance due to Resurgence on this account in the amount of \$6,468.72 and Resurgence has not received payment.

Notary Public, State of Illinois My Commission Expires 11/4/2009  My Commission Expires 11/4/2009  EILEEN M. MAHON, Account Administrator	
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 2 day of 20 20

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#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF COOK

#### FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

RESURGENCE FINANCIAL, LLC, an Illinois
Limited Liability Company,

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#### AFFIDAVIT TO MILITARY SERVICE

I. Eileen M. Mahon, Account Administrator, being first duly sworn upon my oath depose and state as follows:

With respect to (each) defendant, BARBARA J KING, ,:

- □ the Defendant is
- the Defendant is not
- ☐ I am unable to determine whether the Defendant is

in the military service of the United States of America.

This affidavit is based on these facts: I searched on the Department of Defense website: www.dmdc.osd.mil/scra/owa/home and the report indicated that the Defendant (is) (is not) on active military duty.

"OFFICIAL SEAL"
TRESSA I PECK
Notary Public, State of Illinois
My Commission Expires 11/4/2009

Sworn and Subscribed before me this ZO day of WW

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EILEEN M. MAHON

the same to be true.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil

Procedure, the above signed certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on the information and

belief and as to such matters the above signed certifies as aforesaid that s/he believes

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